

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 68
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to commend Dee Reid for his honorable and astute service to the people of Robertson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dee Reid is one such estimable individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Milldale, Mr. Reid is a highly respected member of the Robertson County community; and

WHEREAS, as the youngest of ten children, Dee Reid quickly learned the value of cooperation and service, and in 1947, Mr. Reid and his brothers opened Reid's Garage and Service Center in White House; and

WHEREAS, in his characteristically selfless fashion, Dee Reid devoted four years of his life to the service of his country, enlisting in the United State Air Force in 1951; and

WHEREAS, upon his return from the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Reid initiated an illustrious career in sales, commencing employment as Parts and Accessory Sales Manager for Payne Chevrolet in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Dee Reid was honored by his election to the Robertson County Commission; he utilized his position on the Commission to improve the lives of his fellow citizens; as the Chairman of the County Farm Committee, he was responsible for the oversight of the county's homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, relinquishing his role as a Commissioner, Mr. Reid became the Robertson County Assessor of Property in 1976, and, in 1977, he led a group of citizens to charter White House Housing, a nonprofit organization that facilitated the construction of housing units for senior citizens; he has served as President of this organization since 1985; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Dee Reid established a career in the field of real estate, trying his hand at appraisal before opening Reid Realtors in Springfield in 1984 and Century 21 Reid Realtors in White House in 1987; and

WHEREAS, while his professional accomplishments are manifold, varied and, without exception, successful, Mr. Reid is most highly regarded for his significant, extensive and extraordinary community activities; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Dee Reid joined the Board of Trustees of the Jesse Holman Jones Hospital, and for over a quarter of a century, he has remained faithful to his commitment, ensuring that Robertson County residents have local access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid was instrumental in maintaining positive community relations as the county-owned Jesse Holman Jones Hospital transitioned to a community not-for-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Dee Reid served as Vice Chairman and Acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees in another period of realignment in the hospital's history, overseeing the medical center's affiliation with Columbia/HCA and the planning, constructing and groundbreaking of the facility that is now NorthCrest Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Mr. Reid has served as the Middle Tennessee Representative of the Tennessee Hospital Association's Assembly of Governing Boards, actively participating in

educational opportunities in order to stay abreast of changing legislation relative to the health care industry; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees of NorthCrest Medical Center, Dee Reid has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the hospital, Mr. Reid has served his community in a multitude of settings: maintaining his association with Post 206 of the American Legion for 37 years and serving as its Commander; founding the Dixie Youth League and serving as League President and Coach; establishing the first volunteer fire department in White House, even building the first fire truck, and serving as Fire Chief for many years; serving as Grand Jury Foreman of the County Court system; and actively participating in the Chamber of Commerce of Springfield and the Chamber of Commerce of White House; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of White House, Dee Reid has been an enduring voice of integrity; having served as Chair of each and every committee of the church and currently acting as Lay Leader, he has sought to manifest his love for God and neighbor in concrete and compassionate action towards all who are touched by the church's ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid's remarkable success as a civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dee Reid's long-standing commitment to community improvement has been recognized by his fellow citizens, as he was granted a Lifetime Membership by the Lions Club International and has been presented with the Lions Club's Monarch Award, the *News Examiner's* White House Citizen of the Year Award and the White House Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dee Reid is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of 51 years, Charlene Binkley Reid, their two children, Mark Reid and his wife, Kim, and Melanie Cook and her husband, Tony, and their three grandchildren, Ashley, Christian and Carson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid is wholly committed to the noble precepts of community service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Dee Reid for his remarkable service to the people of Robertson County, particularly noting his outstanding commitment to NorthCrest Medical Center, and extend to him our earnest wishes for his continued success in every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.